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MEMORANDUM FOR: SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR
RESEARCH AND INTELLIGENCE

Subject: CIA Situation Reports

Reference: (a) State's Memo of November 9, "CIA Situation
Reports," about discontinuing the Situation
Reports now that the NIS Program has started

1. CIA agrees that the production of Situation Reports should not be continued after the National Intelligence Surveys are published and that the production of SR's in the meantime should not interfere with the NIS production.

2. However, since it will be undoubtedly some time before the NIS are available it is thought the program for SR's should taper off rather than be summarily abandoned at this time. Probably Situation Reports on several countries, at the end of the list with the ORE Status Report of December 1, 1948, will not be completed; but it is thought that many of the others should be completed as they will serve a useful purpose.

3. If, however, contributions from the IAC departments cannot be completed without interfering with the NIS Program, it is suggested that CIA prepare the drafts of the SR's and the IAC Departments merely comment on those sections of primary interest.

4. It is thought that these arrangements can be made by the competent working groups, through their customary liaison channels, and that they can give low priorities to most of this series.

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